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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE	
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10	KEITH DOUGHERTY,	CASE NO. C12-168 JLR
11	Plaintiff,	ORDER ON REQUEST TO REASSIGN CASE BACK TO JUDGE
12	V.	RICHARD JONES OR ANOTHER FEDERAL JUDGE
13	BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT,	1 EDERAL JUDGE
14	Defendant.	
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16	On April 20, 2012, Plaintiff filed a "Request to Transfer Case to Federal Magistrate	
17	Judge." Dkt. No. 26. When Judge Robart declined to recuse himself, that request was referred	
18	to this Court and it was denied. Dkt. No. 38.	
19	Within hours after his request was denied, Plaintiff filed a "Request to Reassign Case	
20	back to Judge Richard Jones or another Federal Judge." Dkt. No. 39. Judge Robart chose to	
21	treat the pleading as a motion for reconsideration of the previous denial and referred the matter	
22	back to this Court for review. Dkt. No. 41.	
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1 DISCUSSION 2 This Court agrees with Judge Robart's characterization of this pleading as a motion for reconsideration. Since Plaintiff states no new grounds for removing Judge Robart from the case, 3 this Court will address this motion pursuant to Local Rule 7(h). 5 Motions for reconsideration are disfavored. The court will ordinarily deny such motions in the absence of a showing of manifest error in the prior ruling or a showing of new facts or legal authority which could not have been brought to its 6 attention earlier with reasonable diligence. 7 CR 7(h). Plaintiff's latest pleading fails to establish that this Court's previous ruling was the 8 result of a manifest error. Nor does Plaintiff introduce new facts or law that he claims were 9 unavailable to him when he originally moved for Judge Robart's recusal. 10 Plaintiff's motion to reconsider the Court's prior refusal to recuse Judge Robart from his 11 case will be DENIED. 12 13 The clerk is ordered to provide copies of this order to Plaintiff and all counsel. 14 Dated this 24th day of May, 2012. 15 16 17 18 Marshy Melens 19 Marsha J. Pechman 20 Chief United States District Judge 21 22 23 24